



Beaver Creek Fire

August 29, 2016, 9:00 am

At a Glance...

Location:

24 miles north of Walden, Colorado

Started: 6/19/16. The cause of the fire is being actively investigated by U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement.

Beaver Creek

Fire Size: 37403 acres
Containment: 53%

Broadway

Fire Size:
246 acres
296 acres IR*

**The 209, or Incident Status Summary, reflects acreage reported yesterday morning. The Infrared (IR) acreage reflects acres mapped on last night's infrared flight and reported this morning.*

Resources:

258 Firefighters 2 crews, 14 engines, 2 dozers, 1 masticator, 1 feller buncher, 4 helicopters, 3 water tenders

Hunting and Closure Information:

For closure information on the Beaver Creek Fire:

<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/4797/32317/>

For all other hunting questions contact Colorado Parks and Wildlife at (970) 819-3150 or Wyoming Game and Fish at (307)745-4046.



Mid-Plains Crew out of Kansas chipping small vegetation along 496 Road.

Patience Pays Off

Warmer weather and shifting winds in the afternoon increased burn activity and smoke at the Beaver Creek Fire Sunday, but firefighter's patience and planning paid off. Areas to the southeast of the fire began moving out of the Aspens into the sage where firefighters have been monitoring and waiting for the fire to emerge where they can safely engage it. Active burning remained in the interior of the fire. Careful and deliberate burnout operations along the NE and NW corners were successful. Monday's east wind, however, will be a true test of the strength of the containment lines along the 498 and 408 roads.

Suppression Repair Task Force Making Excellent Progress

Suppression repair has progressed at a steady pace on the Beaver Creek Fire. A task force made up of bulldozers, excavators and hand crews are working hard in damaged areas with the intent of returning the landscape and roads to a state as near pre-fire as possible. The task force formed for this work will continue to push forward.

Conditions for Monday Mirror Sunday

Weather conditions Monday will closely resemble those on Sunday, with fire behavior responding in a similar fashion as well. Residents and landowners can expect to see smoke throughout the day. Firefighters will continue to patrol and monitor the perimeter of the fire as well as responding to smoke reports. Significant changes in the weather are not expected until later in the week.

Broadway Fire

The Broadway fire grew slowly along the north and east Sunday, the most favorable direction for growth. A Multi-Mission Aircraft flew the fire today to get infrared information on the fire and were able to determine that the size of the fire is now 296 acres. Aerial work continued throughout the day to keep the fire in check, while firefighters worked to clear potential fuel in the form of beetle-kill timber along the 496 road. The work being done is meant to create a fire break in the event the fire moves toward the west and threatens to cross the 496 road. The logging operation is progressing at a rate of 1/2 to 3/4 of a mile per day and hand cutting of small trees finished on Sunday. Another 5 to 6 days of chipping operations for the smaller trees will continue while the feller buncher works to clear the larger dead timber. Firefighters are not directly engaging the fire on any perimeter as it is far too dangerous, so work is focused on preparing to check future movement to the west.

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